Congress of the United States

House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515-3902

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The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations H-307 The Capitol Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations H-307 The Capitol Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$344,000 in funding for four new specialty vehicles for the K9 fleet for the Cranston, Rhode Island Police Department in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Cranston, Rhode Island, Police Department located at 5 Garfield Avenue, Cranston, RI 02910.

The funding would be used to purchase four new specially outfitted K9 vehicles for the Cranston Police Department's K9 fleet. The current vehicles are aging out of service, yet are being utilized daily by officers. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the canines are used daily in the most critical areas of policing and community outreach, such as the department's therapy dog, who comforts young victims, and the others who assist officers in search and rescue missions of missing persons, narcotics detection, and all perform extensive community outreach at community events, schools, and demonstrations.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes consistent with section 1701(b)(8) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(8)). I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Seth Magaziner Member of Congress